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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding in the fiscal year 2023 for the following Community Funded Projects for proposals critical to the health, safety and economic well-being of the people of the 4th Congressional District of California.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

Big Valley Fish Habitat Improvement and Groundwater Recharge

I request \$941,250 to improve fish habitat and aquifer recharge through a priority groundwater basin. The project will enhance summer flow and riparian habitat in Adobe Creek, Highland Creek, and Kelsey Creek to improve spawning and rearing conditions for Clear Lake Hitch migrating up Adobe Creek. The Clear Lake Hitch is a State-Listed fish that is also being reviewed for Federal listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Clarksburg Fire Protection District

I request \$432,291 to the Clarksburg Fire Protection District for a water tender. This project will significantly enhance the safety and resources for fire protection in the rural district by replacing aging equipment as well as allow for the expanding participation in mutual aid agreements with neighboring fire districts, the State of California, and Federal agencies. This new apparatus will improve the district's ability to response to fires effectively, providing a valuable water resource given the lack of municipal water sources (hydrants) in the area. The project has a federal nexus because the funding is for the purpose of a public improvement as authorized under 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

Dixon Police Department 2nd Story Expansion

I request \$1,840,000 to the City of Dixon for a second story expansion to Dixon Police Department building. The project seeks to construct a second floor to the existing single story Dixon Police Department. The expansion would add approximately 3,650 square feet of space and accommodate up to approximately 20 staff. With the growth that the City of Dixon is currently experiencing, it is necessary to expand its police force and provide the members of the Police Department with an efficient and productive department in which to complete their work. This project has a federal nexus because the funding is for the purpose of public improvement as authorized under 7 U.S. Code section 2250.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies:

Santa Rosa Community Violence Reduction Project

I request \$898,000 for the City of Santa Rosa for the Santa Rosa Police Department to establish a Real Time Crime Center (RTCC), which will provide immediate information to enhance SRPD's ability to detect, investigate, and prevent violent criminal activity. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because new technology and equipment will augment the City's community policing efforts by providing SRPD officers with technologies and equipment that will help them respond to crime events more efficiently, more deliberately, with improved operational intelligence, and with a proactive emphasis on officer, citizen, and community safety.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security:

Napa's Lake Hennessey & Deer Park Fuel Reduction and Community Infrastructure Protection Project

I request \$2,115,000 for Napa's Lake Hennessey & Deer Park Fuel Reduction and Community Infrastructure Protection Project. This project will reduce or eliminate hazardous fuels to reduce wildfire risk to the critical infrastructure of the Lake Hennessey Water Treatment Plant and Adventist Health Hospital in the Lake Hennessey and Deer Park areas of Napa County. In addition, State Highway 128, a key access and evacuation route, will be permanently improved for residents and first responders by managing the fuel load in this critical safety corridor. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 203 of the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5133), as amended by Section 1234, National Public Infrastructure Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation, of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act (DRRA) of 2018.

Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

Rio Vista Reclaimed Water System Completion Project

I request \$5,800,000 for the Rio Vista Reclaimed Water System Completion Project which supports the Clean Water Act standards by eliminating the direct discharge of water into the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, recharges the aquifer on which Rio Vista City relies for drinking water, and mitigates drought issues by providing a reusable water source. The Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant (Northwest WWTP) currently produces recycled water that can be beneficially reused. However, the infrastructure to connect the Northwest WWTP to existing recycled water distribution system pipelines does not exist, and all effluent produced at the plant is currently discharged to the Sacramento River. Following implementation of the wastewater consolidation project, the Northwest WWTP will have approximately 0.7 MGD (400 AFY) of recycled water available for beneficial reuse. Project components will include a new recycled water storage tank, a recycled water pump station, and approximately 3,700 LF of new 12-inch recycled water pipelines. When the Beach Wastewater Plant is decommissioned and everyone is connected to the Northwest Wastewater Treatment Plant under the Wastewater Plant Consolidation project, the city will be sending all its recycled water through this system. This is a stand-alone project and is shovel ready.

St. Helena Water Treatment Plant

I request \$2,080,000 for the St. Helena Water Treatment Plant project which aids the city in meeting Safe Drinking Water Act standards by upgrading the treatment facility and ensuring the equipment associated with the treatment process at this critical water supply facility operates most efficiently, effectively, and sustainably at the hands of California-certified water operators. The Water Treatment Plant SCADA and Microgrid project seeks to increase resiliency and redundancy to this critical water supply facility. The facility's existing outdated SCADA system only notifies operators of afterhours alarms. It does not provide them remote operational access to monitor and change elements of the treatment process. Implementation of the SCADA upgrades is essential for remote operation of the facility, especially as we explore regional operational models for delivery of services. The need for the microgrid system became keenly apparent with the wildfires from the last few years. While the facility is equipped with an emergency generator, extended periods of time without power (e.g.,

Public Safety Power Shutoffs or damaged grid from wildfires) requires regular refueling of generator, which can be problematic due to the access road for the facility which are impassible during wildfire events.

In-Lake Water Treatment System at Clear Lake

I request \$2,225,000 for the In-Lake Water Treatment System at Clear Lake. This project supports the Clean Water Act by preventing the pollution of Clear Lake's drinking water at the source. It uses an oxygenation system to combat the growth of harmful algal blooms in Clear Lake before the water goes into the water treatment plant, reducing in-plant treatment costs and preventing the formation of toxins that cannot otherwise be removed and would pass untreated into the drinking water of Clear Lake residents.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, Urban Development and Related Agencies:

Clearlake Burns Valley Sports Complex

I request \$12,100,000 to the City of Clearlake for the Clearlake Burns Valley Sports Complex in partnership with local health care groups, proposes to build a sports complex on land the city already owns. This complex will include a new little league/softball/baseball complex, soccer fields, and an approximately 20,000 square foot recreation center. This project's economic impact is that it will not only expand the community's access to sports and recreational amenities. It also will drive new visitor spending in Lake County, establishing the city as a destination for events and tournaments. It is predicted to bring in 40,000 annual visitors to the city, resulting in 10,000 hotel room stays and bringing \$8.6 million per year to the local economy.

E Main Street Neighborhood Livability Project: I-5/SR 113 Freeway Connector

I request \$6 million to the City of Woodland for the E Main Street Neighborhood Livability Project: I-5/SR 113 Freeway Connector in Fiscal Year 2024. The project will construct crucial freeway-to-freeway connectors between Interstate 5 and State Route 113. Current traffic must exit the freeway use city streets to travel between northbound I-5 and southbound SR 113 as well as northbound SR 113 and southbound I-5. The project will deliver economic, safety, sustainability, and livability benefits by completing the only east-west freeway route within the region aside from I-80, which also serves as the only east-west overweight truck route in the entire Sacramento region. The project facilitates better access to regional commercial centers and the Sacramento International Airport, and better support Woodland's thriving food and agriculture processing economy. Locally, the project will enhance safety for Woodland residents and visitors by removing interstate highway traffic from local roads and providing safe routes for bicyclists and pedestrians and facilitate crucial East-West emergency response.

Highway 116/West Cotati Intersection Safety Improvement Project

I request \$4,000,000 to the City of Cotati to address safety issues by re-aligning the Highway 116/West Cotati Intersection by installing a new traffic signal and associated turn lanes to provide refuge for turning vehicles and bicyclists, as well as greatly improving connectivity and safety for bicycles and pedestrians through the addition of safe crossing points. This project is also located within a designated priority development area (PDA) and will remove a key barrier to much needed housing adjacent to existing public transit for working families. The intersection of Highway 116/West Cotati Avenue is at a highly skewed angle, is unsignalized and requires turning vehicles to stop in the same lane as high-speed traffic, leading to high-speed rear end collisions and fatalities. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it addresses a very dangerous intersection and a section of state highway also has no crossing points, which prevents the safe crossing of pedestrians and bicyclists.

South Davis Library and Community Center Project

I request \$4,098,971 to the City of Davis to build a library in South Davis, an economically disadvantaged portion of the city which has experienced significant population growth over the past two decades. The building will also serve as a community center for the impoverished area, providing a facility that would be a warming/cooling center and a place where residents can go for smoke relief during wildfires, and power outages and extreme weather events.

The Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club Project

I request \$2,000,000 for the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club for the construction of a new, 8,000 square-foot Clubhouse with a 4,000 square-foot sport court vastly expanding its capacity to inspire and empower Vacaville's youth. A new facility, designed specifically for the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club will double the number of children, up to 120 each day, that will benefit from the Club experience. A 4,000 square-foot sport court, just outside the new facility, will enhance the Club's ability to offer recreation, games, and sporting experiences to children. The Brown Street location was intentionally selected to keep the Club accessible in the largest, low-income neighborhood of the Vacaville community. Offering life changing, evidence-based programs in life skills, academic success, character and citizenship development, healthy lifestyles, and recreation will only help to level the playing field for those who experience barriers to a productive and positive life. Also, the new 10,000 square-foot facility will include space for a computer lab to teach 21st century skills like coding, provide a homework center/STEM room to provide opportunities for academic success, and a game room for recreation and fun. The project is a good use of taxpayer funds because the new Boys and Girls Club facility will enrich children, provide them with a safe place to learn and grow, while ensuring this resource is available to students in a low-income area of the community.

Napa River Ecology Center

I request \$800,000 to the American Canyon Community and Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, for the Napa River Ecology Center Project to repurpose an unused industrial building, bringing it up to code and making it ADA compliant, so it can be used as a community education and program center. The building is a 5,000 square foot, two-story, former Corporation Yard/Garage. The recipient plans to repurpose the first floor of the building into a public education and community programming space including a reception area. The second-floor plan will include office areas and meeting spaces.

SR 37 Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement and Restoration Project

I request \$7,000,000 to the Sonoma County Transportation Authority for the SR 37 Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement and Restoration Project in fiscal year 2024. The Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement and Restoration Project will replace the existing 60-foot-long two-lane SR 37 bridge over Tolay Creek. The new bridge will: allow for implementation of the lower Sonoma Creek Baylands strategy that includes Tolay Restoration, examine feasibility of designing long-term project elevations, support the transition to long-term project elevations consistent with integration of SMART including possible grade separation, provide a barrier separated Class I bicycle path to close a gap in the Bay Trail and improve safety, all within the timeline of the Sears Point to Mare Island Interim Project delivery. The proposed project will have multiple benefits including: relieving congestion and improving safety in the corridor by fixing a bottleneck that creates long queues, delays, and crashes; allowing for an increase in tidal prism that is needed for restoration of the San Pablo Baylands as identified in the Sonoma Creek Baylands Strategy to mitigate for projected sea-level rise in the corridor; closing a gap in connectivity and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians on the San Francisco Bay Trail.; reducing greenhouse gas emissions; improving safety and quality of life; and improving access for equity priority communities.

Thank you for your consideration of these projects which will benefit the people of the 4th Congressional District of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" and last name "Thompson" clearly distinguishable.

Mike Thompson
Member of Congress